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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment:

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please delete paragraph 16.

Please replace paragraph 26 with the following paragraph:

[0026]   The knowledge base can take the form of raw data collected from one or more different sources or the data can be processed into an engineered knowledge base in a variety of different ways. One type of processing is to filter the raw data through an

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